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Serial No. 10/783,856
Examiner Helene Roberta Rose

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-30 remain in this application. Claims 1, 11, and 21 have been amended.

In the Claims

Claims 1-30 stand rejected under 35 USC 102(e) as being anticipated by Johnston-Watt et al (US Publication No. 2003/0115311). Applicant respectfully traverses.

Claims 1, 11, and 21 have been amended to further clarify the claimed invention. More specifically, claim 1 provides “A provisioning system for supporting presence applications, comprising:

an ontology depository having at least one domain-specific ontology model accessible via the Internet for a particular presence application, wherein the ontology model for the particular presence application includes a collection of:

abstracted entities that are appropriately classified;

relationships among the entities; and

information about how to collect presence data from persons, places and things; and

a presence entity having a structure operable to reference a domain-specific ontology model of said ontology depository via the Internet for customizing a presence client software module associated with said presence entity, whereby said presence entity becomes operable to engage in a particular presence application relating to said domain-specific ontology model.”

Independent claims 11 and 21 have also been amended to include similar language.

Clearly, Johnston-Watt introduces the idea of using an ontology to customize a presence system. What Johnston-Watt does not disclose is an ontology model for the particular presence application includes a collection of: abstracted entities that are appropriately classified, relationships among the entities, and information about how to collect presence data from persons, places and things. Support for this limitation can be found at least in paragraph [0023] of the instant invention.

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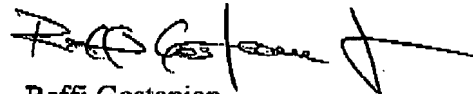
Claims 2-10, 12-20, and 22-30 depends from and further limits, in a patentable sense, independent claims 1, 11, and 21, respectively, and, hence, are also submitted to be in condition for allowance.

It is believed that the foregoing amendment places the Application in condition for allowance; therefore, Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the Examiner's rejection of claims 1-30, and full allowance of same.

Should the Examiner have any further comments or suggestions, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner contact the undersigned to expeditiously resolve any outstanding issues.

Respectfully submitted,,

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